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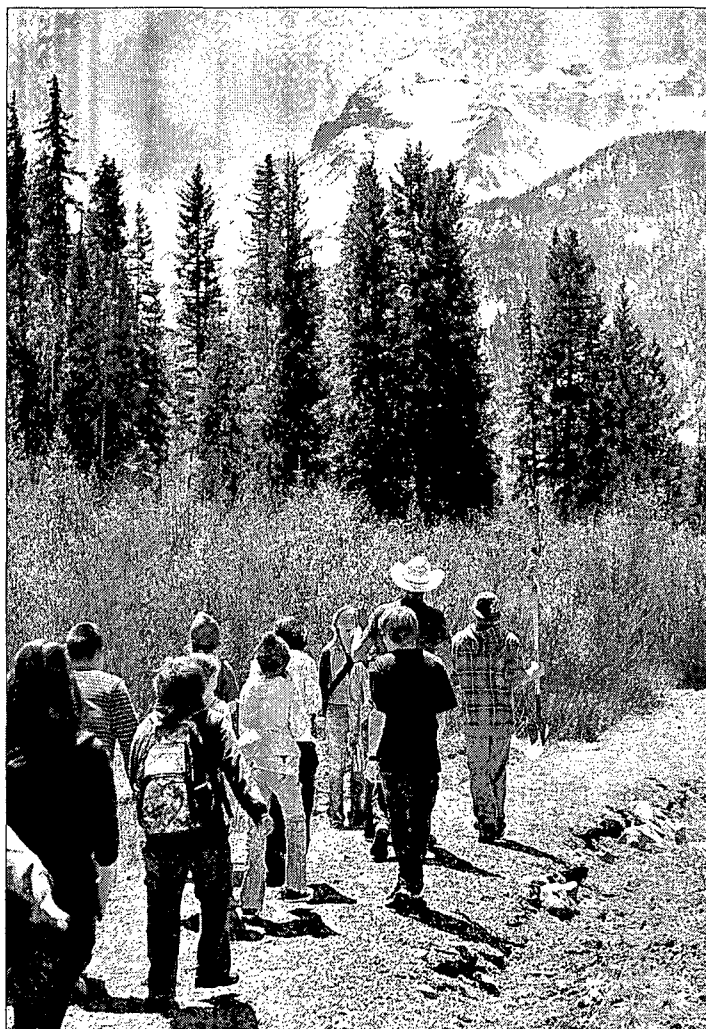
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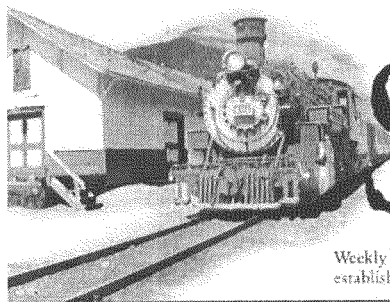
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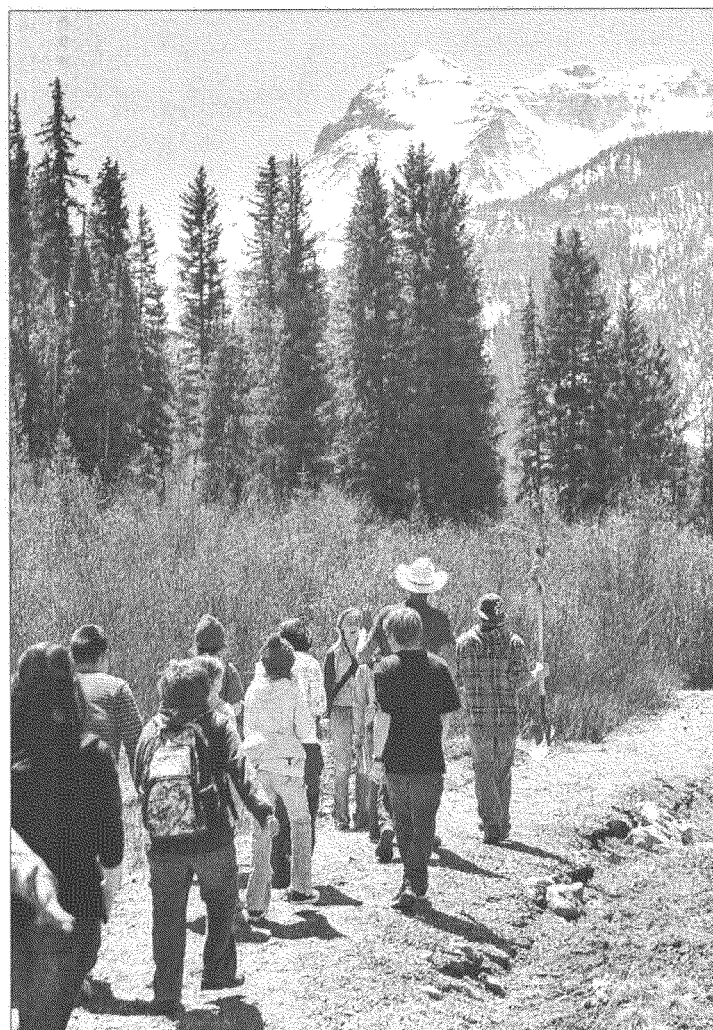
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# Growing the economy, and growing up

By Mark Esper

## EDITOR'S OPINION

To hear suggestions that a proposal to move the town's small farmers' market from Memorial Park to Columbine Park downtown was somehow "anti-business" seemed quite a bit more than ironic.

It was downright silly, reminiscent of a Monty Python skit.

Anyone seriously interested in downtown revitalization should welcome such an enterprise to offer fresh, Colorado-grown produce and Silverton-made crafts in the town center and awaken the town from its vegetative state after the last train of the day leaves.

The modest proposal was for veggie and crafts peddling to be conducted for only a few hours a

week. That's not enough to peel customers away from existing businesses.

And those few vendors who show up once a week add nothing but positives to the town.

It would have been nowhere near the scale of the popular outdoor vendors at the plaza in Santa Fe, for instance (however, I think a similarly festive atmosphere in downtown Silverton would be great for the town).

But the tiny market could have meant a lot. It would be wonderful to have visitors who happen to arrive in Silverton on market day going back home and talking about the charming little farmers' market downtown and what a fun place downtown

Silverton is. That is exactly the type of buzz we need.

Economic development is not a zero-sum game where if someone else wins you lose. It's about growing the pie so everyone wins.

So of course I was discouraged to see the enterprising young women who have organized the market withdraw their application for a special-use permit in the face of opposition from a few business owners.

As it is now, the newly renamed Columbine Park on Blair Street remains unused — a virtual ghost town, as Melissa Childs put it at Monday night's Town Council meeting.

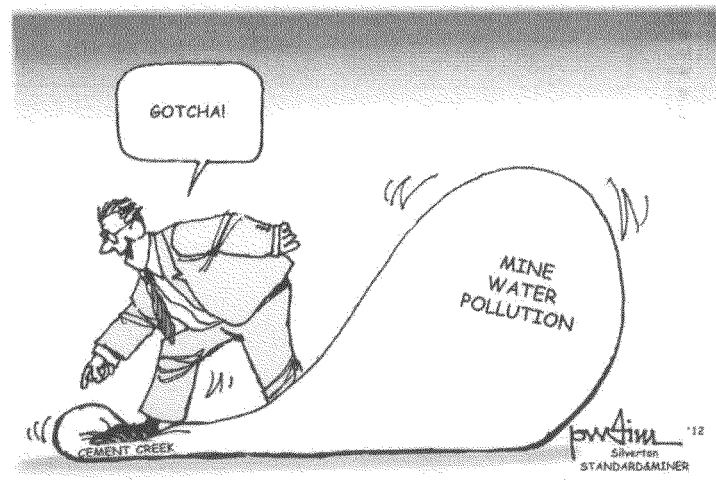
It appears that won't change

for at least another year, despite the efforts of many to make the park more attractive.

And of course I am concerned that putting the proposal in the freezer for a year won't make much of a difference. Opponents are unlikely to broaden their perspective and overcome irrational fears.

By the way, it's not like the vendors at the farmers' market would be getting a free ride. They would face a \$20 per day vendors' fee payable to the town. Plus they would have to get a business license and collect and pay sales tax.

Allowing the farmers' market downtown would be a small but significant step for the town to not only grow its economy, but to grow up.



## 'One Beautiful Day'

By Freddie Canfield

We have just experienced the warmest, most wonderful week. Three days in the 50s began, following an above-freezing Wednesday night. Our only precipitation occurred Thursday with a tenth of an inch in the rain gauge and no snow measurable.

Friday all of the students from our very own Silverton School took a large group of us on a joyful walkabout. We gathered at the Kendall Mountain Recreation Area. From there, each of us, with a 2-foot section of willow, headed upstream along the trail to the Lackawanna Mill tailings area. There we stuck our sticks into the damp earth.

Close by, the young people showed us willow sections showing vigorous new life after having been planted last September.

This is how easy it is to make willows grow.

Making a difference and helping create a renewed future was the joyful theme of our walkabout this Earth Day. Kindergarten through high school seniors worked enthusiastically together on trail sections — one and all took genuine pride in their shared accomplishments.

Getting out of the modular classrooms and into the great out-of-doors, sweat bonding and working together made it all happen. Not only did all of these incredible human dynamics prove just what "Kid Power" is all about, they are being good examples for all of us to stay with it and continue to contribute to our community!

Saturday we not only rolled up our sleeves for blood draws at the health fair. Many of us volunteered to make it all happen — students and elders alike — over at our spacious, renewed school gym.

Sunday dozens of us turned to and cleaned up the town — from entryways to alleys to vacant lots. Look how much better we look now!

Afterwards eight of us, individually and in fluctuating groups, played music during a celebration

## WEATHER AND OBSERVATIONS

Date	High	Low	Precip., conditions
April 18	56	20	Light overcast
April 19	50	26	.10, clear
April 20	54	24	Clear
April 21	63	24	Clear
April 22	69	24	Clear
April 23	68	26	Near clear
April 24	69	26	Partly overcast

up in our assembly room of Town Hall. Cleanup crew members helped themselves to refreshments while visiting. One couple still had enough energy to swing dance!

Perhaps the first song we sang together, "One Beautiful Day," in 5-part harmony, perfectly summed up our shared celebrating experience, along with perfect weather.

May the spirit and inspiration that we have been sharing continue to echo and reverberate in our community and out yonder in the high places from now on. Our hearts are warming up, along with the weather. Sunday, 69.4; Monday, 68.3; Tuesday 68.7. Amazing!

The first swallow returned on Tuesday. Marmots are out of hibernation.

There is now a profusion of purple, white and yellow in Judy Zimmerman's yard. Crocuses are blooming!

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## Kitty update

By Melanie Bergolc

It's been a while since the last feral Kitty update! I only caught one that needed to be fixed, which makes 15 kitties now.

He is a beautiful long-haired manx. I nicknamed him "Mr. Cranky Pants", since he growled at me every 10 seconds while in the live trap. He is also most likely the father to Booboo, Midnight, and Oreo; the first kitten family that Mark Esper and I tamed, fixed, and found homes for. I also caught the Kitty living way out at Bruce Conrad's dad's old place. I found out he's the same male cat I caught at the Old Carriage House. He sure loves to travel far.

I only have a few more that I'm aware of to fix. And they are providing a major challenge, too. The boy cat living behind the Pride of the West won't go into the trap. I even put it up against the only exit I saw when he was hanging out in a shed on 13th Street. I made a tunnel with the blanket I had, and he still managed to escape! Well, just as long as I get all the girls, then he won't be a problem.

We do have a mystery mommy kitty. John Wesley spotted her a couple of times near Snowden and 14th Street. She has at least one black kitten and one grey kitten. If you spot her, I need to catch her. She might be one of the few mommies left. I haven't seen any other litters yet. By now we probably would have had 20 kittens or more bouncing around the alleys and empty lots if I didn't fix the girls.

Now, an update on the two kitten families. I'm still trying to find homes for them. With my first round of advertising in Durango, I had five callbacks, and three were promising, though the one person ultimately went with local kittens from Durango, and the other two who sounded like an excellent match never got back with me.

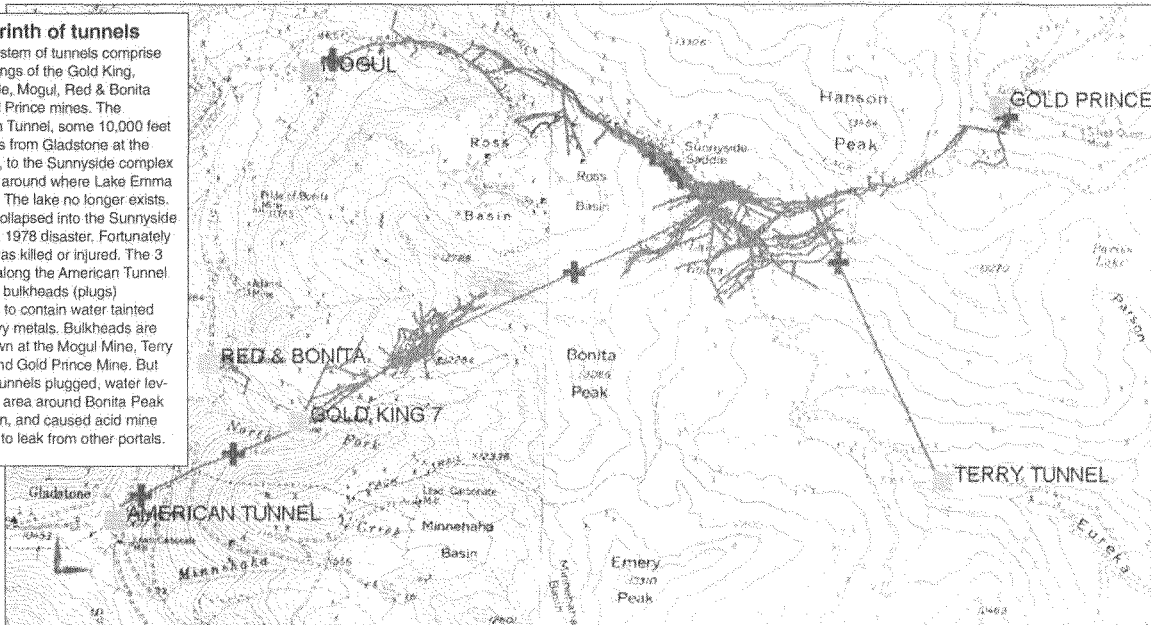
The Old Town Square kitties are coming along nicely. Blackie

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### A labyrinth of tunnels

A vast system of tunnels comprise the workings of the Gold King, Sunnyside, Mogul, Red & Bonita and Gold Prince mines. The American Tunnel, some 10,000 feet long, runs from Gladstone at the lower left, to the Sunnyside complex centered around where Lake Emma once sat. The lake no longer exists. Its floor collapsed into the Sunnyside Mine in a 1978 disaster. Fortunately no one was killed or injured. The 3 crosses along the American Tunnel indicated bulkheads (plugs) designed to contain water tainted with heavy metals. Bulkheads are also shown at the Mogul Mine, Terry Tunnel and Gold Prince Mine. But with the tunnels plugged, water levels in the area around Bonita Peak have risen, and caused acid mine drainage to leak from other portals.



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area as a so-called Superfund site would provide funding to address the problem.

But the Silverton Town Council and the San Juan County commissioners have refused to back Superfund listing, expressing concerns about the stigma often associated with such a designation.

"When the 'average Joe' hears the term Superfund, the first thing they think of is contamination," said Town Trustee David Zanoni. "You don't want to be associated with it."

Hestmark said he understands community concerns about a possible stigma associated with Superfund listing. And the lack of community support weighed heavily in the EPA's decision to back off pursuing such a listing at this time.

"We're not interested in stigmatizing Silverton as a problem area," Hestmark said. But he pointed out that one benefit of such a listing is that "it does provide answers," in the form of access to federal funding.

Meanwhile Sunnyside Gold Corp., which state and federal officials had identified as a company that could be named as a possible responsible party for the contamination, has agreed to pony up some \$6.5 million to help address the issue.

"We all want clean water," said County Board Chairman Ernie Kuhlman. "I think we all realize Cement Creek will never be totally clear. We don't expect it to be. But we're going to bring it back to a level that's acceptable."

Kuhlman pointed out that the creek is in a highly mineralized area, and metals such as zinc, lead and copper are naturally being carried into the creek.

### The big problem

The big problem, according to state and federal environmental officials, is linked to four mine adits above Gladstone that are leaking hundreds of gallons per minute of acid mine drainage.

The ARSG is in the process of gathering more data on the problem and deciding on a course of



Mark Esper/Silverton Standard & the Miner  
About 35 people attended the Animas River Stakeholders Group session on Cement Creek water quality at Town Hall on Thursday evening, April 19. Below, from left, John Ferguson of Colorado Goldfields Inc., Lauren Roberts, president of Sunnyside Gold Corp., and Larry Perino, reclamation manager for Sunnyside Gold.

action, which could include a treatment plant to remove the metals from the water. Officials noted that would be a costly endeavor, requiring millions of dollars to build and hundreds of thousands of dollars per year to operate.

A 2006 report prepared for the EPA estimated the cost of constructing a treatment plant at between \$3.5 million and \$4.8 million, with operating costs ranging from \$364,000 to \$437,000 per year.

But some officials have since said that estimate may be too low.

"We are always looking for ways to avoid putting in a treatment plant," Hestmark said. "We want to see if other options are available. And we want data to understand that. We want to see if there is an opportunity to prevent water from contacting metals. Water treatment is forever and that's something we'd like to avoid if we can."

"We want to understand what our options are ultimately as it



affects the Animas River."

The ARSG coalition includes representatives of the EPA, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado Department of Health and the Environment, Sunnyside Gold Corp., San Juan County and other interested parties.

Members indicated they would like to decide on a course

of action and begin implementation of it in three to five years.

"It boils down to trying to fill data gaps and decide what our options are," Hestmark said.

And Hestmark said the EPA would be happy if the water-quality problems could be addressed

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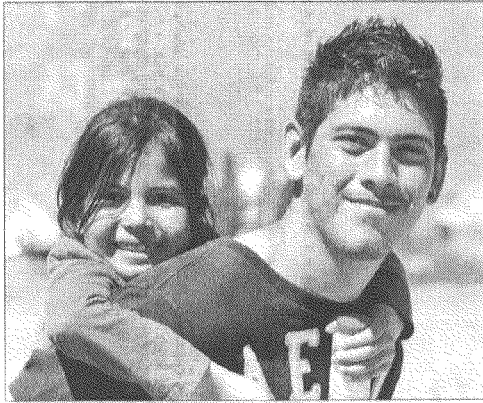
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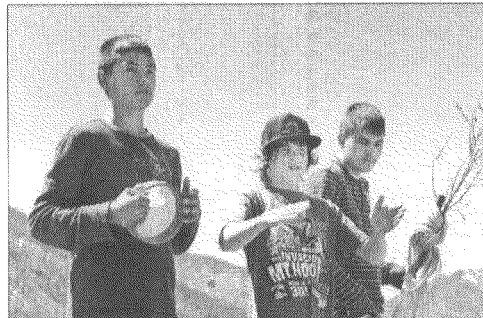
Peter Butler, Animas River Stakeholders Group coordinator



Third grader Daniella Acosta gets a ride from her brother, high school sophomore Edgar Acosta.



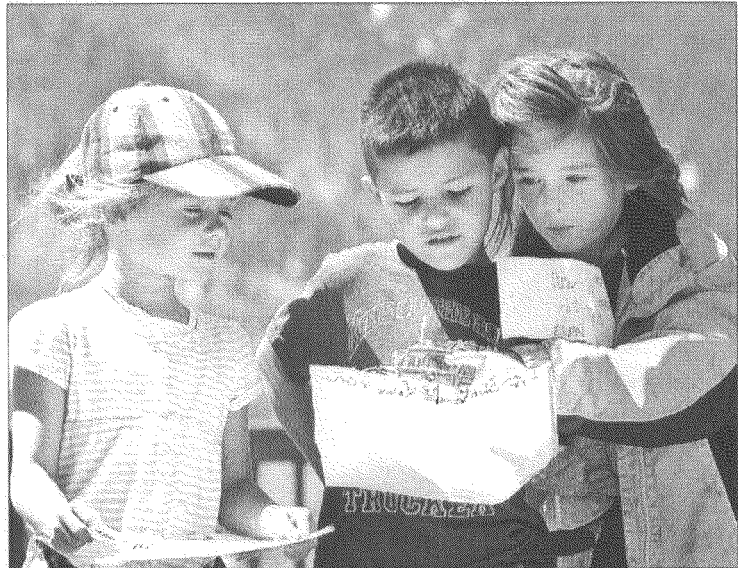
Second graders Bear Root and Kai Morris explain various uses for the new trail system.



Eighth-grader Martin Torres, sixth-grader Will Morris and eighth-grader Ernesto Saldana explain some features along the new trail.



Second-grader Helen Simmons and third-grader Evan Donovan demonstrate how to compact soil for a trail on Friday, April 20. Silverton students gave a tour of the trail system they have been working on.



From left, kindergartners Kharis Weller and Carlos Rayos explain the trail system with help from first-grader Jackie Berenyi.

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while making use of the metals in the creek.

"Wouldn't it be nice if in the process of treating water we could extract metals as part of the environmental cleanup?" he asked.

Kuhlman said he understands the need to arrive at the best solution possible.

"But this has been studied to death. At some point we have to come down on what do we want to take out of this water and how we're going to do it."

Hestmark pointed out that one of the reasons the EPA decided to pursue CERCLA was because it would give the EPA access to more funding to address the problem.

Superfund is officially called the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.

Enacted by Congress in 1980, it created a tax on the chemical and petroleum industry to establish a trust fund for major environmental cleanups.

And the law provides for liability of persons or corporations responsible for releases of hazardous wastes.

Hestmark said that if the mine adits above Gladstone are not listed under CERCLA, the EPA's regional office in Denver would be limited to spending \$2 million over a year for removal of mine waste dumps or other projects to address the issue.

Lauren Roberts, president of Sunnyside Gold Corp., said he is "very pleased the EPA has decided not to approve a fast-track adversarial (Superfund) listing."

And he said that while Sunnyside Gold Corp.'s offer of \$6.5 million to operate a treatment plant "was reasonably specific, we're open to other solutions. It was never intended to be an end point. But we certainly expect others to come to the table. We're all striving for the same end point."

Kay Zillich, hydrologist with the Bureau of Land Management, said the BLM is already doing studies on technologies that may be deployed to help clean up Cement Creek, and she said that "one optimistic scenario" is that "we may get some answers this fall. It could be that by this time next year we have some of the technical and modeling" aspects in place, thereby identifying what path to follow.

Steve Pendleton of Silverton asked the state and federal officials if it would make more sense to have a private company deal with the problem as part of an effort to bring mining back to San Juan County.

Dan Scheppers, brownfields coordinator for the EPA regional office in Denver, said the EPA does not issue mining permits, and "if someone thought they could come back in and take gold out we wouldn't oppose that."

And Mike Holmes, project manager for the EPA, said "we want to do everything we can to not preclude mining" in the region.

But Sunnyside Gold Corp. officials said they would not be interested in such an endeavor.

Sunnyside Gold is a subsidiary of the giant mining firm Kinross.

"The Sunnyside was a good mine," Roberts said. "We would not have left that mine if we thought there were good deposits left."

Roberts said that perhaps some other mining firm would be interested, but as for the Sunnyside, "we're done with it."

"We've taken a hard look at it and it does not meet our economic parameters."

#### A look at the data

Peter Butler of Durango, who is one of three coordinators of the ARSG, reviewed data on Animas River water quality.

He said that while improvements have been seen in Mineral Creek and in the Animas itself above Cement Creek, the metals loading in Cement Creek has been worsening.

"It's a different story in Cement Creek," Butler said. "Metals loading has increased rather dramatically" since a treatment plant at Gladstone ceased operations in 2006 and was subsequently removed in a rather complicated process.

"Increases in Cement Creek have more than offset the improvements in the upper Animas and Mineral Creek," Butler said.

And he said that has had consequences.

"Between 2005 and 2010 fish numbers and diversity has dropped dramatically" in the Animas below Mineral Creek, even as it has improved above the creek's junction with the Animas.

The four mine portals that are the focus of attention are the Mogul, Red & Bonita, Gold King #7 and the American Tunnel.

"Those four discharge about 600 to 800 gallons of acid mine drainage," Butler said. "That's a lot. There are not many sites in Colorado with that kind of discharge."

Butler said that approximately 57,000 pounds (28.5 tons) of zinc come out of the four main draining adits each year.

"That is about 50 percent of the zinc that is carried by Cement Creek in Silverton," Butler said.

Approximately 241,000 pounds of zinc is carried down the Animas River at the monitoring station just below Silverton.

"So the four-adit loading is about 25 percent of the loading in the Animas below town," Butler said.

"In 2001, we estimated that the top 33 draining mines at that time and the top 32 mine waste piles added about 75,000 pounds of zinc per year," Butler said.

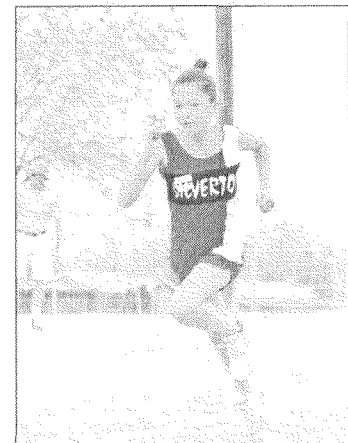
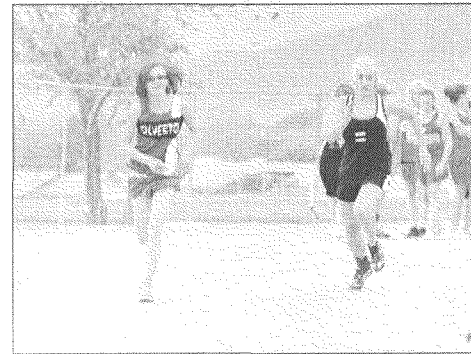
Butler said the ARSG is "hoping to test some technologies this summer" to effectively remove as much of the heavy metals as possible.

But how long it will take to decide on a long-term remedy and to implement it remains uncertain.

County Board Chairman Kuhlman reiterated his desire for action rather than yet another round of studies.

Steve Fearn of Silverton, who also is a coordinator for the ARSG, said that if a treatment plant could be on the ground in three to five years "we'd be doing very well."

## ON TRACK



Silverton middle school students took part in a track meet at Olathe on Wednesday, April 18.  
**ABOVE:** Martin Torres, left running hard.  
**LEFT:** Kayla Zimmerman competes. In the next photo, Malachy Swonger.  
**BOTTOM LEFT:** Eli Alsop.  
**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Carley Gurule.

In other track news, coach David Emory reports that Silverton high school sophomore Levi Lokey placed 7th at a big track meet in Gunnison on April 24. He now has the fastest 100-meter time on the combined Ouray/Ridgway/Silverton team and is ranked 39th in the event among all 2A runners in Colorado.



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Colorado Goldfields Inc, 7986 S Datura Cir W, Littleton, CO 80120, (303) 683-3338, has filed an amendment to its AM-03 application for a Regular (112d) Designated Mining Operation reclamation permit, originally filed on February 1, 2012, with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under provisions of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act. The proposed mine is known as the Pride of the West Mill, and is located at or near Section 1, Township 41 North, Range 7 West, 10th New Mexico Principal Meridian.

The proposed date of commencement is currently August 8, 2012, and the proposed date of completion is August 8, 2032. The proposed future use of the land is Industrial/Commercial. Additional information and tentative decision

date may be obtained from the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567, or at the San Juan County Clerk and Recorder's office, 1557 Greene Street, Silverton, Colorado 81433, or from the above-named applicant.

The public comment period for the original filing closed on March 21, 2012. However, comments on the amendment filing are now being accepted. Comments must be in writing, be limited to the subject of the amendment, and be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 6, 2012.

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### 100 YEARS AGO

From the April 27, 1912 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

### 30 HENS LAY 939 EGGS IN 60 DAYS.

The high altitude record for laying hens is proudly claimed by Phillip Brown, a Silverton chicken fancier. Brown, who is the proprietor of thirty hens, resents having the records made by "other people's chickens who live much lower down than he does" hailed as anything remarkable, and gives the following:

His thirty hens laid 433 eggs in February and 506 in March, making a grand total of 939 eggs in

sixty days, and so far during the month of April the hens have laid an average of nineteen eggs a day.

**60 YEARS AGO**

From the April 25, 1952 edition of the *Silverton Standard & the Miner*:

### SMOKEY'S SNACK SHOPPE IS NEW BUS STATION.

Glenn Elliott of the Continental Bus Lines was in Silverton Thursday and moved the bus station from the Best Cafe to Smokey and Bunny's Snack Shoppe in the old Giacomelli building. Tickets to all points will be sold at the new

depot and express shipments will be handled at the new location.

## RAIL SERVICE RESTORED.

A work train arrived in Silverton last Friday night and on Saturday several empties were brought in for use of outgoing shipments of concentrates and other freight. The railroad company said slide conditions in the canyon had never been worse and that much of the trouble was in the vicinity of the old snow shed. Leonard Clark, local agent, said that the cut in this slide area was about fifty feet deep from the upper side to the railroad.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Durango Fire Protection District of La Plata County, Colorado: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 8th day of May, 2012, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Board of Directors of the District has designated the following polling place:

Durango Fire and Rescue  
Authority Station No. 1  
142 Sheppard Drive  
Durango, CO 81303

At said election, the electors of the District shall vote for Directors to serve the following terms of office on the Board of Directors of the District (or state purpose of special election):

The names of persons nominated as Director for a FOUR-Year Term

Matt Leeder  
William E. Webbe  
Bill Meiers  
Jim Barrett  
Joe Lloyd

The names of persons nominated as Director for a TWO-Year Term

Claude E. "Bud" Deering, Jr.  
Kathleen Morris  
Daries "Chip" J. Lile

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that an eligible elector of said district for the purpose of said election is a person registered to vote pursuant to the "Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992," and who has been a resident of the District for not less than thirty (30) days, or who, or whose spouse, owns taxable real or personal property within the District, whether said person resides within the District or not, or a person who is obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property within the District shall be considered an owner of taxable property for the purpose of qualifying as an eligible elector.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for and return of mail-in voter ballots may be filed with, and replacement ballots may be received from: Val Mattison, Designated Election Official of the Durango Fire Protection District at 142 Sheppard Drive, Durango CO 81303 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the regular election (Friday, May 4, 2012), telephone (970) 382-6003.

Durango Fire Protection District  
Val Mattison, Designated Election Official

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Colorado at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE is further given that all persons may appear and present oral & written testimony regarding this project prior to, or at the public hearing. Interested persons may review the project at the office of Dave Michaelson, Planning Director, located at Silverton Town Hall at 1360 Greene St., Silverton, CO 81433 (or call 970-387-5522) during regular business hours.

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Town of Silverton Board of Trustees  
Villa Dallavalle

The Town of Silverton hereby gives notice of a hearing to receive public comment regarding an application for a Use by Special Review for the expansion of food and alcohol service to include the attached building to the north and adjacent lot at 1257 Blair Street. The Board of Trustees will conduct the public hearing on Monday, May 14th at the Board of Trustees Meeting Room, Silverton Town Hall at 1360 Greene Street, Silverton,

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Town of Silverton Board of Trustees  
10th Street and Keystone Street

The Town of Silverton hereby gives notice of a hearing to receive public comment regarding an application for a Use by Special Review development of a single family home located at the corner of 10th Street and Keystone Street in the Blue Avalanche Zone. The applicant is Sharon Kuhn. The Board of Trustees will conduct the public hearing on Monday, May 14th at the Board of Trustees Meeting Room, Silverton Town Hall at

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**NOTICE**

This is to inform you that a copy of the Consumer Confidence Report for the Town of Silverton Water Treatment Plant for the Calendar Year 2011 is available

for review at the following locations:  
Silverton Public Library  
Silverton Town Hall  
Silverton Public Works Department

If you have any questions about this report please call Gilbert Archuleta at 970-387-5523

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### NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to

John Rush Vann

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 18th day of November, 2008, the then county Treasurer of the County of San Juan, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax sale to San Juan County the following described real estate situate in the County of San Juan, State of Colorado, to-wit:

BEN BUTLER - M.S. 14626 MINERAL RTS ONLY  
GEORGE REED - M.S. 2681 4/5 INT MINERAL RTS ONLY  
JENKINS - M.S. 14626 MINERAL RTS ONLY  
LITTLE ANNIE - M.S. 2681 4/5 INT MINERAL RTS ONLY  
PARK VIEW - M.S. 14626 MINERAL RTS ONLY  
SUNNYSIDE - M.S. 2681 4/5 INT MINERAL RTS ONLY  
UNCLE SAM - M.S. 1711 MINERAL RTS ONLY  
UNCLE SAM #2 - M.S. 2681 4/5 INT MINERAL RTS  
All situate in the Animas Mining District, San Juan County, State of Colorado.

and said County Treasurer issued certificates of purchase therefore to San Juan County. That said tax sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2007; That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the names of

John Rush Vann for the year 2007;

That Salem Minerals, the present holder of said certificate has made a request upon said county for a deed to said real estate; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to Salem Minerals at 9:00 a.m. on the 22nd day of July, A.D. 2012, unless the same has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of April, 2012.

Beverly E. Rich  
County Treasurer of San Juan County

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Felix Mutschler

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Juan County the following described real estate situate in the County of San Juan, State of Colorado, to-wit:

1/3rd undivided interest in the Obolus M.S. 15604  
All situate in the Animas Mining District, San Juan County, State of Colorado.

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Chris Ferguson

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Juan County the following described real estate situate in the County of San Juan, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Undivided 1/10th interest in the Toitce No 3 M.S. 5544  
situate in the Animas Mining District, San Juan County, State of Colorado.

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**OUR ADS GET FAST RESULTS!**

An ad for a lost dog was placed last Friday, and on Monday, before the newspaper even went to press, the owner reported the dog had returned of its own accord! Call 387-5477 to place a classified ad. Or e-mail [editors@silvertonstandard.com](mailto:editors@silvertonstandard.com)